

The “Blood” of Christ in the New Testament

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The precious **blood** of the Lord Jesus Christ is seen from the Word of God to be of infinite value to God and efficacy for all saints of all ages. Although our appreciation of it may be feeble, it is God the Father’s appreciation of it that is most important. It has forever satisfied God and will be our eternal song—**redemption’s** song echoing throughout the courts of heaven for all eternity. In it we view God’s holiness, righteousness, and His great sacrifice. It is the basis of our salvation, redemption, justification, sanctification. It gives us holy boldness to enter into the very presence of our God and Father in worship, praise and prayer. This subject is indeed holy ground. Let us meditate on it with devoted, humbled hearts and unshod feet. “... *and when I see the **blood**, I will pass over you; ...*” (Ex. 12:13) “... *for the soul of the flesh is in the **blood**; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the **blood** that maketh atonement for the soul.*” (Lev.17:11)

From “Purchase” to “Overcoming”

(All of the following verses are from J.N.D. New Translation.)

1. Acts 20:28

*“Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock, wherein the Holy Spirit has set you as overseers, to shepherd the assembly of God, which he has **purchased** with the **blood** of his own.”*

2. Romans 3:25 (see also Heb. 4:16)

*“Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth a **mercy-seat**, through faith in his **blood**, for [the] shewing forth of his righteousness, in respect of the passing by the sins that had taken place before, through the forbearance of God; ...”*

3. Romans 5:9

*“Christ has died for us. Much rather therefore, having been now **justified** in [the power of] his **blood**, we shall be saved by him from wrath.”*

4. 1 Corinthians 10:16

*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not [the] **communion** of the **blood** of the Christ? The bread which we break, is it not [the] communion of the body of the Christ?”*

5. 1 Corinthians 11:25

*“In like manner also the cup, after having supped, saying, This cup is the **new covenant** in my **blood**: this do, as often as ye shall drink [it], in remembrance of me.”*

6. 1 Corinthians 11:27

*“So that whosoever shall eat the bread, or drink the cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty in respect of the **body** and of the **blood** of the Lord.”*

7. Ephesians 1:7

*“Beloved: in whom we have **redemption** through his **blood**, the forgiveness of offences, according to the riches of his grace.”*

8. Ephesians 2:13

*“... but now in Christ Jesus ye who once were afar off are **become nigh** by the **blood** of the Christ.”*

9. Colossians 1:20

*“... and by him to reconcile all things to itself, having made **peace** by the **blood** of his cross ...”*

10. Hebrews 9:12

*“... nor by **blood** of goats and calves, but by his own **blood**, has entered in once for all into the [holy of] holies, having found an **eternal redemption**.”*

11. Hebrews 9:14

“... how much rather shall the **blood** of the Christ, who by the eternal Spirit offered himself spotless to God, **purify your conscience** from dead works to worship [the] living God?”

12. Hebrews 10:19

“Having therefore, brethren, **boldness** for entering into the [holy of] holies by the **blood** of Jesus, the new and living way which he has dedicated for us ...”

13. Hebrews 10:29

“... of how much worse punishment, think ye, shall he be judged worthy who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and esteemed the **blood** of the covenant, whereby he has been sanctified, common, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?”

14. Hebrews 12:24

“...and to Jesus, mediator of a new covenant; and to the **blood** of sprinkling, speaking **better** than Abel.”

15. Hebrews 13:12

“Wherefore also Jesus, that he might **sanctify** the people by his own **blood**, suffered without the gate”

16. Hebrews 13:20

“But the God of peace, who brought again from among [the] dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, in [the power of the] **blood** of [the] eternal covenant, **perfect you** in every good work to the doing of his will ...”

17. 1 Peter 1:2

“... elect according to [the] foreknowledge of God [the] Father, by sanctification of [the] Spirit, unto the **obedience and sprinkling** of [the] **blood** of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

18. 1 Peter 1:19

“**Redeemed** ... by precious **blood**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, [the **blood**] of Christ, foreknown indeed before [the] foundation of [the] world, but ...”

19. 1 John 1:7

“But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood** of Jesus Christ his Son **cleanses** us from all sin.”

20. 1 John 5:6

“This is he that came by **water and blood**, Jesus [the] Christ; not by water only, but by water and **blood**. And it is the Spirit that bears witness, for the Spirit is the truth.”

21. Revelation 1:5

“... and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us, and has washed us from our sins in His **blood**, and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father: ...”

22. Revelation 5:9

“And they sing a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open its seals; because thou hast been slain, and hast redeemed to God, by thy **blood**, out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and made them to our God **kings and priests**; ...”

23. Revelation 7:14

“And I said to him, My Lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they who come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and have made them **white** in the **blood** of the Lamb.”

24. Revelation 12:11

“And they have **overcome** him by reason of the **blood** of the Lamb, and by reason of the word of their testimony, and have not loved their life even unto death.”

“It is only God Himself that knows fully the value of the precious **blood** of the Lord Jesus Christ. For though God has communicated to us largely of His own thoughts respecting it, we still have to say of this, as of so many other things, that now *we know in part* (see 1 Cor. 13: 12).

Two things, however, are always closely connected—a *vigorous spiritual life*, and a *high estimate of its place and value*. Hence at all times when there is spiritual famine—spiritual dearth and barrenness—the *true doctrine* of the **blood** is always lost sight of and often, even denied.

On this account it is all the more necessary that we should desire to be filled with God’s thoughts about our Lord Jesus’ precious **blood**—not only that we may understand what it has effected for the believer, but also that we may comprehend in our human measure, our indebtedness to Him who humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, to redeem us unto God.”

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*“Of all the gifts Thy love bestows,
Thou Giver of all good !
Not heaven itself a richer knows
Than the Redeemer’s **blood**.”*

W. Cowper, (“*Hymns for the Little Flock*”—#1)